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### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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#### **Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 1.6.9.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

 Additional claim fees of \$660 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

#### **SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$1110 for a Small Entity

- \$385 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$660
  - \$129 for 3 independent claims over 3.
  - \$531 for 59 total claims over 20.

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# RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

In response to the Notice to File Missing parts of Non-Provisional Application dated September 1, 2004, the Applicant submits the following:

- Part 2 of the Formalities Letter or Form PTO-1533 (Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-provisional Application);
- Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application, which has been executed by the named inventor;
- The Applicant claims small entity status;
- Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of One Thousand, One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$ 1,110.00) as payment of the following fees:
  - 1. \$ 385.00 for the statutory basic filing fee;
  - 2. \$ 65.00 for the late-declaration surcharge; and
  - 3. \$ 660.00 for the additional claims fee.

Application No. 10/650,118 Response to Notice to File Missing Parts

Any deficiency, additional fee, or credit may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

#### REMARKS

The Applicant notes for the record the submission of the following items:

- 1. <u>Preliminary Amendment</u> mailed November 5, 2003, including formal replacement drawings.
- Petition to Make Special mailed November 12, 2003, based upon the Applicant's advanced age.
- 3. Second Preliminary Amendment mailed December 4, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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